has been evolved after considering the interests of the cotton growers, exporters and cotton users.

Cotton Export

7109. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a different perception between Agriculture Ministry and Textiles Ministry on the quantum of cotton that can be exported;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware that cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh have sufficient cotton stocks for export; and

(c) what steps are being taken to provide incentives to cotton farmers to raise cotton for export purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to loss of production in some parts of the country, there may not be significant stock for export.

(c) The announcement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton as also the release of automatic quota of 5 lakh bales for its export are made every year.

Procurement of Oil by NDDB in Gujarat

7110. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board procures oil cakes of mustard|groundnuts|koein from the cooperative societies financed by the Board in Gujarat;

(b) whether there is a proposal to provide extra funds to these societies by diversifying the system; and

(c) the details of the dairy projects, centres oil seed banks, training centres and testing centres likely to be set up in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No more trainng centres and testing centres under oil project are likely to be set up in Gujarat.

Regarding Dairy Projects, based on proposals received from the Gujarat Cooperatives Milk Marketing Federation/concerned Milk Unions, National Dairy Development Board has approved Dairy Projects as per details given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of the dairy projects

Name of the Union	Location of the Plant	Incremental capacities			Approved outlay (Rs. in lakhs)
		Dairy Plant (TLPD)	Powder Plant (MTD)	Cheese Plant (MTD)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Kaira milk union (AMUL)	. Anand	650	60	0	9355.55
Kaira milk union (AMUL)	: Kaira	300	0	20	4199.65
Vidya Dairy (GAU)*	Anand	10	0	2	1200.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
Ahmedabad milk union .	Ahmedabad	60	0	0	378.80
Panch mahal milk union . .	Godhra	100	8	0	321.00
Surat milk union . . .	Surat	200	0	0	494.26
Rajkot milk union . . .	Rakot	0	8	0	322.83
Mehsana milk union . . .	Mehsana	400	30	0	2008.76
Gandhinagar Mother Dairy .	Gandhinagar	1000	60	0	9965.00
Banas milk union . . .	Palanpur	50	30	0	1185.53
Kutch Dairy	Bhuj	40	0	0	152.65
Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	44	0	0	172.96
Surendarnagar . . .	Surendarg	30	0	0	106.59
Junagadh	Junagarh	100	10	0	144.04

*Gujarat Agric University

TLPD: Thousand litres per day.

MTD: Metric tonnes per day.

Assistance to Tobacco Farmers

7111. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed to extend financial assistance to tobacco farmers to use better quality seedlings;

(b) whether any nurseries will be set up by IARI to focus attention on enhancing quality of tobacco seedlings; and

(c) details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Following steps are taken to provide better quality seeds|seedlings to tobacco growers:—

(i) Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) produces pure seeds for distribution to commercial nurserymen and growers through Tobacco Board of Ministry of Commerce and Research Stations of CTRI.

(ii) Research Division of ILTD (ITC) also produces seeds for supply to commercial nurserymen and growers of northern light soils of Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) Tobacco Boad of Ministry of Commerce raises nurseries for supply of pure and healthy seedlings to growers.

(iv) Tobacco Board implements a scheme of furmigation of seedbeds on subsidy basis in Karnataka light soils to arrest soil-borne diseases.

(v) Directorate of Tobacco Development of this Ministry has been implementing 5 Non-Plan schemes out of which 3 schemes are for production of seeds/seedlings and 2 are for training of farmers. Government of India bears difference between total expenditure and total receipts.

(b) Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi is not